

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 1, lines 10-18, as follows, whereby the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS appears before the FIELD OF THE INVENTION paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 USC 119(a) to Canadian Application No. 2,326,283 filed November 17, 2000, ~~the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is in the field of canola breeding. In particular, it relates to improved varieties of canola (*Brassica napus*) having early maturity ("Early Napus"), in combination with resistance to at least one AHAS-inhibitor herbicide.

Please add the following new paragraph beginning on page 18, line 10, as follows:

Access to this deposit will be available during the pendency of the application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and persons determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto upon request. These deposits will be maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. These deposits were made merely as a convenience for those of skill in the art and are not an admission that a deposit is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.801-1.809. However, Applicant has no authority to waive any restrictions imposed by law on the transfer of biological material or its transportation in commerce. Applicant does not waive any infringement of its rights granted under this patent or under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 USC 2321 et seq.).